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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN SHIPPING MEDICAL SUPPLIES

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REQUEST ON BEHALF OF KING MOSHOESHOE II TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN SHIPPING APPROXIMATELY 4,500 LBS MEDICAL AND CLINICAL SUPPLIES FROM CALIFORNIA TO MASERU.

2. DIRECT RELIEF FOUNDATION, 27 EAST CANON PERDIDO ST., SANTA BARBARA CALIF., HAS OFFERED TO CONTRIBUTE 200 LBS. MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND 4,300 LBS. CLINICAL EQUIPMENT TO MEDICAL CLINIC AT MATSIENG, LESOTHO. CLINIC IS IN NEW BUILDING DONATED BY IRANIAN GOVERNMENT, HAS SERVICES OF DOCTOR AND NURSES, BUT MINISTRY OF HEALTH DOES NOT HAVE RESOURCES TO SUPPLY OR EQUIP IT. MATSIENG IS KING'S HOME VILLAGE, AND HE IS TAKING KEEN, DIRECT AND PERSONAL INTEREST IN ALL ASPECTS OF ITS DEVELOPMENT AS MODEL FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN OTHER AREAS OF LESOTHO.

3. DIRECT RELIEF FOUNDATION HAS QUOTED COST OF SURFACE SHIPMENT TO DURBAN OF MEDICINES AS 262.00 USDOLS, OF CLINICAL EQUIPMENT AS 1,176.00 USDOLS. THESE AMOUNTS BEYOND RESOURCES OF CLINIC. IN ADDITION, CLINIC URGENTLY
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NEEDS SUPPLIES AND WOULD VASTLY PREFER AIR SHIPMENT

TO SURFACE.

4. BECAUSE OF MERITS OF REQUEST ITSELF AS WELL
AS KING'S PERSONAL INTEREST, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO
BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE. REQUEST DEPT DETERMINE
WHETHER WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR USAF MAC FLIGHT TO TRANSPORT
SUPPLIES AS FAR AS JAN SMUTS. AS SECOND ALTERNATIVE
BELIEVE PAN AM HAS IN PAST TRANSPORTED GOODS OF THIS
NATURE AT NO CHARGE ON RECEIPT OF DIRECT GOL REQUEST.
WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S EXPLORING THESE TWO
POSSIBILITIES AS WELL AS ANY OTHERS AND ADVISING ASAP
WHETHER WE CAN ASSIST.
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